



Mrs. Henry G. Meyer was photographed at her ham radio rig before she suffered a stroke nearly three months ago.

Big Hearted Ham Station Silent, Mrs. Meyer Suffered a Stroke

The radio tubes are cold and its knobs are still. The needles on the dials rest at zero and the rotating antenna in the back yard is idle.

The sending and receiving radio station of Mrs. Henry G. Meyer, 17060 Patricia Lane, Brookfield, is quiet now—stilled when she suffered a stroke and partial paralysis on Dec. 20.

But station W9RUJ was not always silent.

Mrs. Meyer handled messages of joy and of sorrow, calls for help, and exchanges of greetings in her six and a half years as a licensed ham radio operator.

Through station W9RUJ, people all over the world learned on Apr. 3, 1956, that Maria Louisa Gagliano, of Wauwatosa, had given birth to a 6 pound 15 ounce boy. The message finally reached the baby's father, Nicholas Gagliano, who was in the Arabian sea en route to Bombay, as chief officer aboard the freighter Flying Enterprise II.

The news was relayed through Capt. Kurt Carlson, the famous skipper who remained aboard the ill fated Flying Enterprise until an hour before his ship went down in January, 1952. Capt. Carlson, also a ham radio operator, is a long distance friend of Mrs. Meyer.

But circumstances also forced Mrs. Meyer to relay sad news.

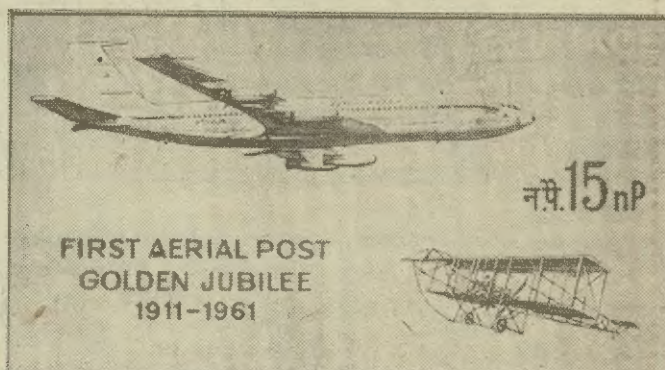
In January, 1955, she reported to the wife and parents of T. Edward McCully, jr., of Wauwatosa, that he had been killed by natives in Ecuador. McCully was one of five missionaries slain by Indians of the primitive Auca tribe, with whom the group had been trying to establish friendly relations. The missionaries had been in contact almost daily with station W9RUJ.

When a tornado ripped through Colfax, in Dunn county, in June, 1958, Mrs. Meyer was on the air to help. For 36 hours she handled messages for the Red Cross and helped locate relatives and friends in the stricken area.

Much of the amateur operator's work helped simply to keep people in touch. Until her stroke, Mrs. Meyer relayed messages to and from the international geophysical expeditions in the Antarctic.

She helped the brothers of the College of San Jose in Bluefields, Nicaragua, maintain contact with Central America when they were in Milwaukee for medical treatment.

People around the world hope Mrs. Meyer will soon return to the air. Messages and prayers have been received from the Canal Zone to the Philippines to Africa, sent by other ham radio operators who knew her as "W9RUJ."



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The golden jubilee of Indian mail service is being recognized with the issuance of this stamp showing a modern jet airplane and the primitive sort of plane that carried mail on the first flight in India, a five mile trip with M. Piquet, a Frenchman, as pilot.